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SUBJECT: US/VN RELATIONS: TEXTS AND STATEMENTS

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APRIL 15 STATEMENT ABOUT TALKS WITH THE VIETNAMESE IN
PARIS:

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IN RESPONSE TO MANY QUESTIONS WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING ABOUT
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2. ASKED IF HE WERE SAYING THE VIETNAMESE DID NOT PROPOSE APRIL 20-24 FOR THE TALKS, THE SPOKESMAN RESPONDED THAT HE WAS SAYING NO PROPOSAL BY EITHER SIDE WAS REJECTED BY THE OTHER. HE SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE TALKS, IN GENERAL, IS NORMALIZING OF RELATIONS. ASKED WHETHER THE TALKS WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL AGREEMENT IS REACHED, THE SPOKESMAN REPLIED THAT HE CANNOT SPECULATE ON THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST ROUND OR THE LENGTH OF THE TALKS. HE SAID HE HAD NOTHING ON WHETHER OR NOT AT SOME POINT THE SECRETARY WILL BECOME INVOLVED IN THE PARIS TALKS.

3. WE HAVE NO TEXT OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S APRIL 14 REMARKS TO AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE ET. AL. FOLLOWING IS A NEWS ACCOUNT:

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U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS ANDREW YOUNG FEELS THAT THE "PROCESS OF RECONCILIATION WILL CONTINUE STEP BY STEP" BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF VIETNAM AND THE UNITED STATES.

HE EXPRESSED THIS VIEW APRIL 14 IN A MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF A DELEGATION OF AMERICANS SEEKING CLOSER TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. MR. YOUNG SAID HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY THE RESPONSE TO THE WOODCOCK COMMISSION WHICH RECENTLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VISITED VIETNAM TO DISCUSS AMERICANS MISSING IN ACTION.

THE DELEGATION PRESENTED A PETITION CALLING FOR RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND VIETNAM AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG SAID HE WOULD "MAKE SURE THAT THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS PETITION WILL BE CALLED TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S INITIATIVES TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS."

DELEGATION MEMBERS WERE WALLACE COLLETT, BOARD CHAIRMAN, AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE; BARTON HUNTER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION; AND DON LUCE, DIRECTOR, CLERGY AND LAITY CONCERNED. COLLETT RECENTLY VISITED VIETNAM. LUCE WILL VISIT THERE LATER THIS WEEK. END TEXT

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